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Group: 2824
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & §1.98

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are attaching hereto, in a form equivalent to Form PTO-1449, a listing of all the art documents of record (cited by the Examiner/submitted by applicants) in the chain of continuing applications (as listed on page 1 of the Specification), pursuant to the duty of disclosure/candor requirements.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified continuation application and, therefore, this IDS meets the requirements pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b).

As to the requirement of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for any concise explanation of relevance to the extent that any of the listed documents is not in the English language, this is met by: the discussion thereof in the prosecution history, the submission of any English language abstracts/translations, and the citation by the Examiner in the prior

application(s).

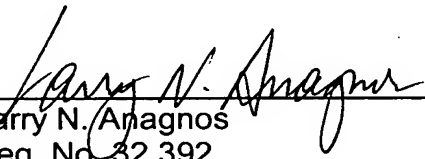
In keeping with the duty of disclosure/candor requirements, applicants would also like to bring to the Examiner's attention two (2) additional continuation branches having as an original basis, under 35 USC §120, the same basic application as that of the above-identified newly-filed continuation application. The separate branches include (i) U.S. Application Serial No. 09/362,719, filed July 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6, 201,735, which was filed as a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/288,313, filed April 8, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,101,123; and (ii) U.S. Application Serial No.09/984,918, filed October 31, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,510,086, which was a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/881,020, filed June 15, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,335,880, which was filed as a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/630,426, filed August 1, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,272,042. Both prior U.S. Application Serial 09/630,426 (now USP 6,272,042) and Serial No. 09/288,313 (now USP 6,101,123) are included in the series of continuing applications corresponding to the above-identified new continuation application, as listed on page 1 of the present Specification. Copies of the above-mentioned related U.S. patents, i.e., USP 6,335,880 and USP 6,510,086, were submitted in the prior, parent application Serial No. 10,351,524. It is noted that the listing of art documents in this IDS submission is inclusive of all art documents of record not only in the corresponding series of continuing applications but, also, with regard to the above-mentioned two additional separate continuation branchings.

It is understood that since copies of the listed documents should be available in the file wrapper of the prior application, copies thereof are not included herewith, consistent with 37 CFR §1.98(d) and pursuant to the guidelines set forth in MPEP §609.

It is submitted this IDS is in compliance with the rules of practice as well as with USPTO guidelines. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Also, acknowledgment of entry as well as of formal consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

If any costs are due in accordance with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge same to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-21 35 (500.32256C11).

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